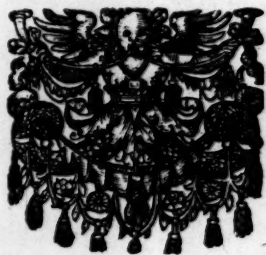


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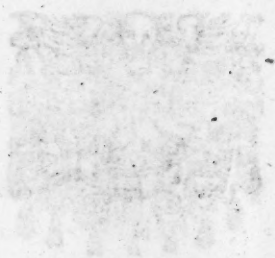


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Augustissimo & Serenissimo Do-
mino nostro, CAROLO, Dei
gratia, Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae
& Hiberniae Regi, fidei defen-
sori, &c. Richardus, pro-
videntia divina Eboracensis Archiepiscopus, An-
gliae Primas & Metropolitanus, propensissimam
subjectionem & obedientiam, ac in eo qui est Rex
Regum, & dominus dominantium summam feli-
citatem. Serenissima vestra Majestati per publi-
cum

cum hoc Instrumentum testatum facimus; Quod
 Prælati & Clerus Provinciæ nostræ Eboracen. in
 Convocatione sive sacra Synodo Provinciali, auto-
 ritate Brevis vestri Regii ad nos dati, in domo
 Capitulari Ecclesiæ Cathedralis & Metropolitici-
 ces Beati Petri Eboracensis, decimo quarto
 die mensis Aprilis, Anno Dom. millesimo sexcen-
 tesimo quadragesimo (ex continuatione & pro-
 rogatione ejusdem) inchoatâ & celebratâ ac de die
 in diem usque ad, & in octavum diem instantis
 Junii, Anno prædicto legitime congregati pro qui-
 busdam arduis & urgentibus causis per nos ejusdem
 Provinciæ Clero propositis, ac inter eos sedulo pen-
 satis, quandam Benevolentiam sive Contri-
 butionem, magnificentia vestra Regia, sponta-
 neo unanimique consensu dederunt & concesserunt,
 prout tenore hujus publici Instrumenti plenius
 liquet, Majestatem Vestram suppliciter obnixèque
 rogantes, ut banc eorum Concessionem benigne ac-
 cipere ac aequè bonique consulere dignemini. Tenor
 verò prædictæ Concessionis de verbo in verbum
 sequitur, & est talis.

Most

Most Excellent and most
gracious Sovereign LORD,
We your Majesties faithfull
Subjects, the Prelates and
Clergie of the Province of
York, being called together by authority
of Your Majesties Writ, and at this pre-
sent being lawfully assembled in a Provin-
ciall Synod or Convocation, well weighing
and maturely considering with themselves
that great and bounden dutie, which by the
rules of the Sacred Scripture they do owe to
your gracious Majestie their Sovereign Lord,
especially for your constant defence of the
Faith, and the protection of Christs holy
Church amongst us, by the maintenance of
the happy government thereof, together
with the continuance of the sincere Preach-
ing of the Gospel; And moreover, as obe-
dient Subjects, well weighing the singular
care which Your Majestie hath, for the well
guiding and governing of all that people
which is by God committed to Your charge;
And not forgetting those great expences
behind us won, by your Majesty whereat

whereat Your Majestie now is, and hereafter is more likely to be, as well for the Honourable sustentation of Your Royall estate at home, and the necessary defence of this Your Realm, as also for the effectuall furtherance of Your Majesties most Royall and extraordinary designes abroad, have with one agreement and unanimous consent given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant to Your Majestie, Your Heirs and Successors, one Benevolence, or extraordinary Contribution of four shillings in the pound yearly, during the space of six yeers next ensuing the date hereof, by two severall payments in every of the said six yeers, by even and equall portions in manner and form as here followeth; That is to say, That every Archbishop, Bishop, Deane, Archdeacon, Provost, Master of Colledge, Prebendary, Parson, & Vicar, and every other person and persons, of whatsoever name or degree he or they be within the Province of York, having or enjoying any spirituall promotion, or other temporall possession to the same spirituall promotion annexed, now not divided

nor

nor separated by act of Parliament or otherwise, from the possession of the Clergie, shall pay unto your Majestie, your Heirs and Successours, for every pound that he may yearly receive and dispend by reason of the said spirituall promotion, the sum of four shillings yearly for every of the said six years. And for the true and certain value of all the promotions and every of them, whereof the payment of this Benevolence or Contribution shall be made, the Rate, Taxation, Valuation, and Estimation now remaining upon Record in your Majesties Court of Exchequer, for the payment of a perpetuall Disme or Tenth granted unto King Henry the eight of worthy memory, in the six and twentieth year of his Reign, concerning such promotions as now be in the possession of the Clergie, shall onely be followed and observed, without making any other Valuation, Rate, Taxation, or Estimation, then in the said Record is comprised.

Provided alwayes, That forasmuch as the tenth part of the said Rate and valuation is verly paid to Your Majestie for the said per-

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petuall Disme or Tenth, so as there remain
onely nine parts yeerly to the Incumbent
cleer; This present Benevolence or Contri-
bution of four shillings in the pound, shall be
understood and meant onely of every full
pound of the said nine parts, and nothing for
any other money not amounting to a full
pound. And your Prelates and Clergie do
also grant, that this present Benevolence or
Contribution of four shillings of the full
pound of the nine parts of the yeerly value
of every spirituall promotion aforesaid, with-
in the said Province taxed as aforesaid, shall be
paid to Your Majestie, Your Heirs and Suc-
cessours, in manner and form following;
That is to say, The first payment of the said
Benevolence or Contribution in every of the
said six yeers next following, to be due upon
the first day of November; And the second
payment to be due the first day of May, in
every one of the said six yeers, as afore is said,
to be delivered and paid to the Lord high
Treasurer or under Treasurer of *England*, or
to such person or persons as Your Majestie,
Your Heirs and Successours shall appoint
for

for receipt thereof, to the use of Your Majestie, Your Heirs, and Successours, according to the severall times of payment above specified, and at such place and places as it shall please Your Majestie, Your Heirs, and Successours to appoint for the payment of the same, without any deduction, saving of six pence of every pound, for the Monition or Citation, Collection, and Portage, safe conveying and attendance in paying of the said Penevolence or Contribution, and without any manner of charge of the Accomptant, saving three shillings four pence for the generall Acquittance for every one of the payments of the said Benevolence or Contribution.

Provided alwayes, that no person which at this present is, or hereafter shall be in composition with Your Majestie, Your Heirs and Successours, for the first-fruits of any Benefice or spirituall promotion, shall be contributory or charged for the same Benefice or promotion to Your Majestie, Your Heirs or Successours, with any part of the said Benevolence or Contribution during the first

year after the time of any such compounding for his first-fruits.

Provided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Masters, Wardens, and Prebendaries of all Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches and Colledges, or any of them, within the said Province, shall be charged with this Benevolence or Contribution for those possessions, revenues, and promotions onely, which to their severall promotions, dignities, and roomes are cleerly and distinctly limited, and to their onely use severed, thereof to pay (the tenth part being deducted) for every and each of the said payments, in manner and form as is above rehearsed. And that all those rents, possessions, profits, portions, Hereditaments, and spirituall promotions, and every of them heretofore by Your Majestie, or any of the Kings & Queens of this Realm, or any other person or persons whatsoever, given, granted, bequeathed, devised, or impropriated unto the said Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colledges, or to any of them, which any wayes be assigned, imployed, or used

used, either for or toward the yeerly maintenance of Readers of Divinitie, Schoole-masters, Ushers, Grammarians, Petti-canons, Conducts, V cars-chorall, Singing-men, Choristers, Vergers, Sextons, poor men, or of any other necessary or daily Officers or Ministers in such Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colledges, or any of them, or for or towards the reedifying or repairing of any of the same Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colledges, shall not in any of the said six yeers be charged with any part of this Benevolence or Contribution.

Provided alwayes, that every Parson, Vicar, or other spirituall person paying any Pension whereof no allowance is made in the valuation of his promotion or Benefice, shall and may retain to his own use and relief so much of every pound of every such Pension for every payment of this Benevolence or Contribution, as he standeth charged by this Grant to pay for every part and payment of this Benevolence or Contribution, out of every pound for the whole valuation of his

spirituall promotion, any Covenant, Grant, or Bond to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this Benevolence or Contribution, or any part thereof, shall not be demanded or levied out of any Benefice, lands, or other Revenues, unto the Universities of *Cambridge* or *Oxford*, or either of them, or to any house of Students, or Colledge in either of the said Universities, united, appropriated, or appertaining, or out of any Benefice, lands, or Revenues of the Colledge of *Windsore*, or of the Colledge of *Westminster*, or of the Colledge of *Eaton* neer *Windsore*, or of the Colledge called *Saint Mary Colledge* by *Winchester*, founded by *William Wickham*, sometime Bishop of *Winchester*, or of any Hospitall, Almes-houses, Grammar-Schools, or of any Church-Benefice, or Revenues to the said Colledges, Hospitals, Almes-houses, or Grammar-Schools, or to any of them annexed, appropriated, or otherwise appertaining.

Provided alwayes, that all Parsons, Vicars, and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, whose

whose Benefices are not above six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence by the yeer, after the taxation aforesaid, shall not be charged with this Benevolence or Contribution, or any part of the same.

Provided also, that every Vicar whose Benefice is eight pounds or above, and not above ten pounds by the yeer, according to the taxation aforesaid, shall pay unto your Majestie, your Heirs and Successours, six shillings and eight pence at every payment afore limited, of the said Benevolence or Contribution, at such times and to such persons as is aforesaid, for his part of the said Benevolence or Contribution; And if any Vicarage be under eight pounds, by the taxation aforesaid, the Incumbent shall not bee charged with any part or payment of the said Benevolence or Contribution.

And we your said Prelates and Clergy, most humbly beseech your most excellent Majestie to take in good part our loving mindes and hearty good wills herein, and to accept of this small gift of ours, though it be

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be nothing answerable to our good desires, and yet according to the best of our abilities.

IN quorum omnium & singulorum præmissorum fidem & testimonium, nos Richardus, providentia divina Eboracensis Archiepiscopus antedictus, hoc præsens publicum Instrumentum ad humilem rogatum Prælatorum, & Cleri nostræ Eboracen. Provincia prædictæ, Sigilli nostri Archiepiscopalis appensione, ac signo, nomine & subscriptione Guilielmi Freer Notarii publici, Deputati Guilielmi Turbutt Registrarii nostri principalis, jussimus & fecimus communiri. Datum in Domo Capitulari Ecclesia Cathedralis Beati Petri Eboracensis dicto octavo die mensis Ianii, Anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo quadregesimo, Regnique vestri felicissimi decimo sexto, Et nostræ Translationis anno decimo.

Et ego Guilielmus Freer in Diocesi Eboracen. oriundus, publicus supremâ Regiâ auctoritate Notarius, Quia Benevolentia sive Contributionis prædictæ concessioni ceterisque præmissis omnibus & singulis prænotatis, dum sic (ut præmittitur) expediebantur & fiebant, una cum præfato Reverendissimo

rendissimo patre & ceteris Prælatiſ & Clero E-
 boracen. Provinciæ in eadem ſacra Synodo ſive
 Convocatione congregatiſ, præſens perſonaliter
 interfui, eaque omnia ſic fieri, geri & expediri vi-
 di, ſcivi & audivi, atque in notam ſumpſi. Ideo
 hoc præſens publicum Inſtrumentum, tenorem con-
 ceſſionis Benevolentiaſ ſive Contributionis
 prædictæ in ſe continens, manu mea propria
 fideliter ſcriptum exinde confeci, ſubſcripſi, &
 publicavi: atque in hanc publicam & authenticam
 formam redegi, ſignoque, nomine, cognomine &
 ſubſcriptione meiſ ſolitiſ & conſuetiſ, una cum
 appenſione Sigilli præſati Reverendiſſimi patriſ
 ſignavi in fidem & teſtimonium omnium & ſin-
 gulorum præmiſſorum juffus, & requiſituſ.

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*Ordinationes sive Canones Ecclesia-
stici in Sacra Synodo prædicta, facti pro le-
vatione & collectione Benevolentia sive
Contributionis voluntariæ antedictæ, una cum
censuris & pœnis Ecclesiasticis contra
non solventes vel solvere recusantes.*

Ordinationes aliquot Synodales fa-
ctæ octavo die mensis Iunii, An-
no Domini millesimo sexcentesi-
mo quadragesimo, per Reveren-
dissimum in Christo Patrem &
dominum, Dominum *Richar-*
dum Divina providentia *Eborac-*
ensem Archiepiscopum, *Anglia* Primatem & Me-
tropolitanum, cæterosque Prælatos & Clerum
provinciæ *Eboracensis* secum sedentes, in sacra Sy-
nodo in Domo Capitulari infra Ecclesiam Cathedralem & Metropolitanam Beati *Petri* *Eboracen-*
pro collectione & solutione cujusdam Benevolentia, seu voluntariæ contributionis quatuor solidorum de qualibet libra, serenissimo Domino nostro *Carolo*, Dei gratia *Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ* Regi, fidei

fidei Defensori, &c. per eosdem, Archiepiscopum, Prælatos & Clerum in dicta Synodo congregatos, dicto octavo die mensis Junii prædicti, concessæ.



Uum Nos *Richardus* providentia Divina *Eboracensis* Archiepiscopus, *Anglia* Primas & Metropolitanus, Prælati, & Clerus *Eboracensis* Provinciæ, in sacra Synodo provinciali, sive Prælatorum & Cleri ejusdem *Eboracen.* provinciæ Convocatione in Domo Capitulari Ecclesiæ Cathedralis & Metropolitanæ Beati *Petri* *Eboracen.* decimo quarto die mensis Aprilis ultimò præteriti inchoata & celebrata, ac de tempore in tempus ex causis urgentibus ac de diebus in dies continuata, congregati: post multa ibidem per nos tractata, die lunæ octavo, viz. die mensis Junii supradicti, quandam benevolam Contributionem quatuor solidorum pro qualibet libra augustissimo & potentissimo Regi & Domino nostro *Carolo*, Dei gratia Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Regi, fidei defensori, &c. concesserimus ex Beneficiis & proventibus nostris Ecclesiasticis colligendam & levandam infra sexennium proximum, persolvendam singulis viz. annis durante illo sexennio, modo, forma, diebus, ac sub cautionibus & conditionibus in quodam instrumento publico inde confecto, & sigillo Archiepiscopali *Eboracen.* munito; Dat. dicto octavo die mensis Junii, plenius liquet.

Quumque idem Serenissimus Dominus noster

Rex per literas suas patentes sub magno sigillo *Angliae*, facultatem huic sacrae Synodo concesserit, non modo Canones Ecclesiasticos ordinandi, pro commodiore Ecclesiae Anglicanae regimine, sed etiam de alijs quibuscunque rebus & negotiis tractandi atque decernendi per ipsum Dominum Regem eidem Synodo sub signetto suo transmissis vel transmittendis, sub quo signetto literis suae Majestatis datis vicesimo secundo die mensis Maii anno praedicti dictus serenissimus Dominus Rex praecipit monuitque, ut ad Canones & Synodales Ordinationes pro collectione & levatione dictae Contributionis faciendos atque ordinandos procederemus.

Ut igitur supradicta nostra Concessio faciliorem & magis expeditum consequi possit effectum, utque omnes & singulae pecuniarum summae per nos singulis dicti sexennii annis concessae certius & commodius colligantur, ac terminis & locis suis ad usum dicti Domini nostri *Caroli* persolvantur, Statuimus, ordinamus, & volumus, quod dicta Contributio ab omnibus & singulis personis Ecclesiasticis *Eboracensis* provinciae, quae vigore dictae Concessionis contribuere tenentur, per Collectores idoneos ad hoc, per suos Dioecanos, seu sede vacante, per Decanum & Capitulum, singulis annis per dictum sexennium deputandos modo & forma subsequentibus levetur & colligatur.

Item autoritate praesentis Convocationis sive Synodi ordinamus & statuimus, quod ante primum diem mensis *Augusti* cujuscunque anni qui in dictum

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dictum sexennium inciderit, Reverendissimus pater
Eboracen. Archiepiscopus, omnesq; & singuli dictæ
Eboracen. provinciæ Epif. Diocesani & (sede Episco-
pali vacante.) Decanus & Capitulum Collectores
idoneos in omnibus locis exemptis, & non exemp-
tis, in singulis suis respective Diocesibus, ad dictam
contributionem & quamlibet ejus partem, modo,
forma, & terminis infra expressis debite levandam
& colligendam juxta eorum arbitria, & sanas dis-
cretionem per Literas suas patentes sigillis suis Epi-
scopalibus, seu Capitularibus respective munitas,
annuatim constituent, ordinabunt & deputabunt, ac
ipsos sic deputatos, & eorum quemlibet si fuerint
Ecclesiastici, ad hujusmodi Collectionis Officium
suscipiendum per censuras Ecclesiasticas, viz. per
suspensionis, interdicti aut Excommunicationis
sententias, ac per sequestrationem fructuum, &
proventuum Beneficiorum aut Dignitatum, ac alia
Juris remedia, si hujusmodi onus subire recusave-
rint, coerceant & compellant. De quorum quidem
collectorum nominibus singuli Episcopi supradicti
& Decani & Capitula Reverendissimum Patrem *E-
boracen* Archiepiscopum ante primum diem mensis
Septembris singulis dicti sexennij annis debite &
distincte certificare teneantur. Quod si dictus Ar-
chiepiscopus, Episcopus aliquis, Diocesanus, vel
(sede vacante) Decanus & Capitulum laicam perso-
nam aliquam deputaverit, talis sit istiusmodi per-
sona laica, pro qua dicti Archiepiscopus, Episcopus,
aut Decanus & Capitulum respondere tenebuntur.

Item, quod Collectores huiusmodi quolibet dicti sexennij anno sic constituti & deputati, constituendi, & deputandi huius sacri Consilij auctoritate plenam habeant potestatem omnes & singulos infra suæ collectionis præcinctum huiusmodi Contributionis solutione onerandos ante primum diem quorumlibet mensium Octobris & Aprilis cuiuslibet anni dicti sexennij, vel personaliter vel in valvis Ecclesiarum & locorum pro quibus hanc Contributionem solvere tenentur, per Apparitorem, vel Apparitores, vel eorum deputatos in scriptis monendi, ut pecuniarum summas per eos solvendas ante primum diem mensium Novembris & Maii tunc proximè sequentium, per dictum sexennium, in aliquo loco vel locis publicis, commodis & usitatis per dictos Diocefanos, aut (sede vacante) per dictos Decanos & Capitula assignandis infra Collectionis suæ limites plenè & integrè solvant.

Item volumus, concedimus & ordinamus, quòd quilibet collector, si Ecclesiastica fuerit persona, ad hanc Contributionem vel aliquam ejus partem colligendam deputatus aut deputandus, omnes & singulos huic Contributioni obnoxios, & personaliter, vel in valvis Ecclesiarum sive locorum pro quibus hanc contributionem solvere tenentur, efficienter monitos, & comparere ad dies præstitutos & assignatos negligentes, vel non solventes, seu solvere recusantes, aut ultra diem solutioni præfinitum differentes, per censuras Ecclesiasticas, suspensionis, excommunicationis, aut interdicti, vel per sequestrationem

tionem & venditionem fructuum, ad plenam solutionem faciendam efficaciter compellendi & coercendi, ac etiam eosdem plene & integrè solventes, seu satisfaciētes, a quibuscunq; censuris, sententijs & poenis in ipsos & eorum quemlibet in eā parte promulgatis & inflictis absolvendi, ac quemcunq; processum contra non comparentes aut non solventes, per eos factum, revocandi & relaxandi auctoritate præsentis Convocationis sufficientem habeat potestatem. Quod si Episcopus aliquis, seu, sede vacante, Decanus & Capitulum laicam aliquam personam ad hanc contributionem colligendam deputaverit, Ordinamus & statuimus quòd ipse Episcopus, seu, sede vacante, Decanus & Capitulum dictas censuras & poenas infligendi & erogandi, easdemq; relaxandi & revocandi auctoritate præsentis Synodi plenam habebunt potestatem.

Item volumus insuper, & præsentis Convocationis auctoritate decernimus, quòd omnes & singuli collectores (ut præfertur) deputati vel deputandi omnes & singulas pecuniarum summas collectas & levatas, seu quas recipere potuerunt, & negligenter omiserunt ante decimum quintum diem quorumlibet mensium Decembris & Junij infra dictum sexennium suis respectivè Episcopis, sedibus plenīs, & Decanis & Capitulis sedium vacantium sine aliquā monitione in eā parte eisdem collectoribus fiendā, sub poena, si fuerint Ecclesiastici, suspensionis, excommunicationis aut interdicti, ac per sequestrationem & venditionem fructuum suorum

orum beneficiorum, & dignitatum, & si opus fuerit, per deprivationem per eisdem Episcopos, sedibus plenis, vel per Decanum & Capitulum, sede vacante infligenda totaliter & integrè solvent, seu solvi curabunt ab eisdem Episcopis & Decano & Capitulo respectivè Quictancias idoneas pro summis hujusmodi solutis recipientes.

Proviso semper, quod quilibet Collector, eisdem diebus quibus dictas summas, ita ut præfertur, collectas solvit, Diocesanum suum Episcopum, sede plenâ, & Decanum & Capitulum, sede vacante, de nominibus ad dies præscriptos integrè non solventium in scriptis certiores faciet, & per Juramentum suum fidem præstabit, quod ab illis summas debitas levare & colligere non potuerit, neq; possit, licet diligentiam suam in eâ parte adhibuerit, ac contra non solventes modo & forma præscriptis processerit, in eo casu volumus, quod hujusmodi Collector coram dicto suo Ordinario, sede plenâ, vel Decano & Capitulo, sede vacante, ad fidem & Juramentum suum præstandum in eâ parte admitatur. Et si nec auxilio & autoritate Episcopi, sede plenâ, vel Decani & Capituli, sede vacante, nec diligentia suâ per Juris remedia superscripta Collector hujusmodi ante dictos dies viz ante decimum quintum diem mensium Decemb. & Junij cujuslibet anni prædictorum sexennorum ab hujusmodi recusantibus, vel differentibus summas debitas integrè, vel pro parte recuperare non possit: volumus & ordinamus, quod dictus collector, vel
totaliter

totaliter vel pro eâ portione quam recipere non potuit, exoneretur, ac liber dimittatur & acquietur. Et quod Episcopus (sede plena) vel Decanus & Capitulum (sede vacante) respectivè per Juramentum collectoris ita certiorati, ad Reverendissimum Patrem *Eboracensem*. Archiepiscopum nomina omnium non solventium, vel solvere differentium, sub sigillo suo authentico Episcopali vel Capitulari, ante decimum quintum diem mensium Januarii, & Julii, singulis annis dicti sexennii transmittet sub pænâ sequestrationis, suspensionis, vel privationis, arbitrio dicti Reverendissimi Patris cum concilio & consensu trium aliorum hujus provincie Episcoporum, per eundem Reverendissimum Patrem ad hoc nominandorum & accersendorum, insignendæ. Et quod dicti Episcopi ita nominati, & per literas privatas, manu dicti Archiepiscopi subscriptas, acciti, comparere & eidem Archiepiscopo assistere, per omnia Juris remedia per dictum Archiepiscopum, autoritate hujus Sacre Synodi compelli possint.

Item volumus, ordinamus, & statuimus, quod dictus Reverendissimus Pater omnes & singulos non solventes, vel solvere differentes, in dictis literis Certificatoriis dicti Episcopi (sede plena) vel Decani & Capituli (sede vacante) nominatos, vigore hujusmodi Certificatorii, absq; aliqua Citatione aut probatione, ab omnibus suis dignitatibus, Præbendis & Beneficiis pro quibus summas debitas non solverunt, privare & amovere per sententiam suam finalem,

lem, & definitivam, omni appellatione remotâ & pro amotis & privatis, decernendi, & declarandi auctoritate hujus sacri Concilii provincialis plenam & sufficientem habeant potestatem & auctoritatem.

Item auctoritate quâ supra, volumus, ordinamus, & statuimus, quod omnes provinciæ *Eboracen.* Episcopi (sedibus plenis) & Decani & Capitula sedium vacantium, ante decimum quintum diem mensium Februarii & Augusti singulis annis dictorum sex annorum, omnes pecuniarum summas, tam per ipsos Episcopos respectu Episcopatum, & per Decanos & Capitula intuitu Ecclesiarum Cathedralium sedium vacantium, quàm ab aliis quibuscunq; hujus Benevolæ contributionis solutione oneratis, levatas & collectas, cuicunq; aut quibuscunque per Serenissimum Regem Dominum *Carolus* ad hoc assignando vel assignandis, sub suspensionis, excommunicationis, interdicti, fructuum sequestrationis & venditionis, vel (si opus fuerit) privationis pœnâ, per dictum Reverendissimum Archiepiscopum, cum consilio, & consensu trium Confratrum suorum hujus provinciæ Episcoporum, tam contra dictos Episcopos, quàm contra Ecclesias Cathedrales & singulas earundem personas hujus contributionis solutione oneratas, insigenda, integrè solvent, vel solvi curabunt, & dictum Archiepiscopum de integrâ summâ solutâ & de acquietantia quacunq; à receptore Regio vel receptoribus Regiis sic assignando, vel assignandis ante vicesimum diem dictorum mensium Februarii, & Augusti authenticè unâ cum nominibus

minibus illorum omnium denuo à quibus summas debitas colligere non potuerunt, sub pœnis prædictis certificabunt, seu certificari curabunt, nisi fide dicto Reverendissimo Patri factâ, quod dictus Receptor vel dicti Receptores summas solvendas per integrum quadriduum recipere distulerit vel distulerint, aut tales acquietantias tradere recusaverit vel recusaverint. Et quia res cum suo onere transire debet, ordinamus & statuimus, quod si contingat Dignitatum & Beneficiorum prædictorum possessorem quemcunque dictâ contributione aut aliquâ ejus parte non solutâ, ab hac luce migrare, resignare, cedere, aut privari, quod tunc & in eo casu non solum Successores in Dignitatibus vel Beneficiis, hujus Contributionis solutione oneratis per supra dicta omnia superius in hisce ordinationibus provisâ remedia pro ultimâ solutione anni ultimò elapsi solvere & satisfacere compellantur, verum etiam quod Executores & Administratores eorundem sic decedentium (si opus fuerit) & ipsimet resignantes, cedentes, & deprivati, juxta ratam portionem fructuum quæ ad manus suas eo anno pervenerit, per omnia legitima Juris remedia ad hujusmodi contributionem, & quamlibet ejusdem portionem solvendam compelli possint.

Item volumus, statuimus & ordinamus pro efficaciori & expeditiori hujus contributionis collectione, quod Episcopi dictæ provincie *Eboracensis*, sede plena, & Decanus & Capitulum, sede vacante, Dignitatum & Beneficiorum illorum omnium qui

ab hac luce (eadem contributione aut aliquâ ejus parte non solutâ) obierint, resignaverint, cesserint, vel amori aut privati fuerint, quamdiu eorum Beneficia vacaverint per sequestrationem & venditionem fructuum & emolumentorum talium Dignitatum & Beneficiorum ita vacantium integram contributionem vel quamcunq; ejus portionem non solutam levare & colligere autoritate hujus Convocationis licitè valeant & possint : quorum tamen conscientias oneramus ut satisfactione sequuta, quamprimum sequestrationes ob hanc causam interpositas revocent, & cum effectu relaxent.

Volumus etiam, & autoritate hujus Synodi decernimus & ordinamus, quod a censuris Ecclesiasticis vel sententiis & decretis sequestrationum quibuscunque suprà provis, & per Collectores, vel Episcopos, sedibus plen, & Decanum & Capitulum sedium vacantium pronunciatis & promulgatis, nullus sit appellationi vel recusationi locus.

Item, volumus, ordinamus, & statuimus, quod nullus Collector præsentis Contributionis recipiet pro aliquâ acquietantiâ fiendâ ultra quatuor denarios, nec pro censuris ullis, aut sententiis suspensionis, interdicti, vel sequestrationis, & absolutione & relaxatione eorundem aut eorum cujusvis ultra summam duorum solidorum : & quod quilibet Collector infra præcinctum suæ Collectionis autoritatem habeat compellendi apparitorem & apparitores ordinarios ejusdem præcinctus

cinctus ad monendos omnes & singulos hujus Contributionis solutione oneratos, & onerandos, quoties occasio & necessitas postulabunt, cui apparitori, seu apparitoribus concedimus unum denarium de singulis sex denariis in Concessione nostrâ Serenissimo Domino nostro Regi factâ, reservatis, pro citatione, monitione, collectione, & solutione hujus Benevolentia, seu extraordinaria Contributionis.

Item, hujus sacræ Synodi autoritate volumus & ordinamus, quod si in posterum aliqua dubia, ambiguitates, difficultates, aut querelæ circa has Ordinationes, aut aliquem earundem articulum, aut circa modum aut formam Collectionis hujus Contributionis oriantur: Tunc & in eo casu omnium hujusmodi dubiorum, ambiguitatum, difficultatum, aut querelarum interpretationes & declarationes fiant per Reverendissimum in Christo Patrem Archiepiscopum *Eboracensem*. Dominos Episcopos *Dunelmensem, Cestriensem, & Carlisensem*, pro tempore existente, aut duos eorundem, quorum idem Reverendissimus Pater sit unus, cujus quidem Reverendissimi Patris interpretationi & declarationi, ut præfertur, fiendæ, omnino stare & acquiesci autoritate quâ suprà decernimus & ordinamus.

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